


AUCKLAND CITY STREETScape STUDY RECORD FORM

Preliminary Information



LOCATION / ADDRESS: Part 533-541 Sandringham Road, Auckland	ITEM NUMBER	CATEGORY (IF SCHEDULED)
		
NAME (IF ANY) NUMBER, STREET, LOCALITY, WARD Sandringham T.A.B.	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
BUILDING / STRUCTURAL / OBJECT / SITE USE: <input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENTIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> INSTITUTIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> RECREATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURAL	OTHER LISTINGS	
HISTORY & KNOWN ASSOCIATIONS <p>Original drawings are not dated, but the small block of two shops at the rear of Carries Building may have been designed by architect Vladimir Cacala, who is better known for his house designs. It is thought to have been built c late 1950s. Around 1965, it became a TAB branch.</p> <p>Subdivision of large allotments for residential development in the area of the Sandringham shopping centre commenced around 1908/ 1909. Around the time of the First World War new shops began to be built at the intersection of Sandringham Road and Kitchener Road, which developed further in the 1920s as drainage was improved to address frequent flooding and the tram lines extended down Sandringham Road in March 1925. The tram service was an important catalyst for the centre which saw an extensive period of development in the late 1920s. Another burst of development occurred in the 1940s when two 2 level retail buildings (at 542 Sandringham Rd and 513 Sandringham Rd) were built along with this building and a furniture showroom and factory at 583 Sandringham Road.</p> <p>Architect: Possibly Vladimir Oldrich Cacala</p> <p>Architect Vladimir Oldrich Cacala arrived from Czechoslovakia in 1952, joining Brenner Associates and working with them until setting up his own business in 1959, when the partnership was breaking up. Brenner Associates began as a partnership between architects Stephen Jelcich, Des Mullen and artist designer Milan Mrkusich in 1949. Vladimir Cacala designed a house at 317 St Heliers Bay Road in 1956 for Rachel and Ernest Blumenthal which was known as the "Mondrian house". It was illustrated in two international periodicals, <i>Arts and Architecture</i> and <i>Domus</i>. It was followed in 1960 by the Kay House in Victoria Avenue, Remuera; another Remuera house from 1963; Marau Crescent, Mission Bay in 1976; and with his partner in the 1970s Walter Leu blocks of UID 1182 flats, many of which were constructed out of Winstone Vibradec concrete blocks, leading to rapid construction at low cost.^[15]</p> <p>Note: Vladimir Cacala's drawings show a much simpler design than has been built, with glazing extending from the ground to the underside of the cantilevered verandah. The building as existing has concrete columns and a concrete beam above the shop fronts so may be to another design?</p>	ZONING Business 2	
REFERENCE SOURCES Original drawings on ACE Site File , Auckland City Council Street directories http://www.aucklandcity.govt.nz/Council/services/heritage/pc218blumenthal.asp	REGISTERED OWNER	
PHOTOGRAPHS (HISTORICAL)	ARCHITECT / DESIGNER Possibly Vladimir Oldrich Cacala	
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE The building extends the active retail frontage around the corner into Kitchener Road. It is a modest single level structure.	PERIOD / DATE OF CONSTRUCTION C late 1950s MATERIALS	

